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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 23, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.12 million cattle on feed on June 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The inventory was up 3 percent from last year and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the highest June 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 340,000 head, down 6 percent from 2005 and 15 percent below 2004. This the lowest May placements since the data set began in 1994.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 520,000 head, up 8 percent from last year and 11 percent above May two years ago. This is equal to the highest marketing for any month since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during May totaled 20,000 head compared to 20,000 last year and 10,000 two years ago.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

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